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Statistics

Number of active registered interior designers – 335.
The number of complaints against registered interior designers – 0

Secretary Marlene Cummings Retires

Secretary Marlene Cummings retired from state service on February 25, 2001. She had served with Governor Thompson since the beginning of his administration and was one of his first cabinet appointments.

Governor Thompson said Secretary Cummings has had an extremely successful tenure that emphasized changes in the handling of disciplinary complaints and adopted innovative disciplinary procedures. Her innovations have included an agency time-line for handling complaints, the use of mandated education and a procedure for managing professionals with drug and alcohol addictions.

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Continuing Education

We will continue to remind you about the continuing education requirements, so all registrants will understand the requirements and have sufficient time to complete them before the renewal deadline.

The next deadline for mandatory continuing education requirements is July 31, 2002. If you would like to renew in a timely manner for the 2-year period following July 31, 2002, most of you must complete 9 hours of an approved educational program by the deadline. You may complete the education after the renewal deadline; however, your registration will not be renewed until you have completed the education and you will be required to pay a \$25 late filing fee, in addition to the regular renewal fee. This continuing education requirement does not apply to a person who is initially registered between January 2, 2002 and July 31, 2002.

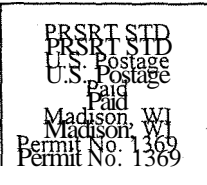
Proposed Fee Revisions in Budget Bill

The Biennial Budget Bill, introduced as 2001 SB 55 and 2001 AB 144, proposes an increase in original registration fees for all occupations and professions licensed by the Department from \$44 to \$56. There are indications that this fee will be reduced to \$53. The proposed renewal fee for registered interior designers would be increased from \$47 to \$56.

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REGULATORY DIGEST



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Failure to Pay Child Support

Failure to pay court-ordered child support may result in the suspension or non-renewal of professional licenses, including those issued by the Department of Regulation and Licensing and its regulatory boards.

Recently-enacted Wisconsin laws (mandated by the federal government) give local child support agencies the ability to request suspension or denial of licenses of people whose names appear on the Child Support Lien Docket and who owe more than \$1,000 or three months' worth of child support. Past-due child support creates a lien against all of a payer's titled property. The lien is entered into Wisconsin's Child Support Lien Docket when past-due support reaches a specified threshold. In January 2001, the threshold amount was \$20,000 in past-due support.

NCIDQ Exam

The National Council of Interior Design Qualification (NCIDQ) has announced that the building and barrier-free codes portion of the exam is now included in Section 1 of the exam. Nevertheless, a separate building and barrier-free codes portion of the exam is still available for those who need to take it for some reason.

Telephone Directory

The Division of Business Licensure & Regulation has a menu telephone system. The telephone number for staff is:

(608) 266-5511

After dialing this number you are asked to press various extensions. For the following requests, please press extension numbers as noted:

Application Forms	Ext. 11
Complaints Against Licensees	Ext. 12
Whether A Person Is Registered	Ext. 442
Application Processing & Requirements	Ext. 43
Fax Number	(608) 267-3816

Visit the Department's Web Site

www.drl.state.wi.us

For our new "Online Verification of Credential Holders" click on the "Business and Professional License Lookup" button on the Department's home page.

Copies of the Regulatory Digest are on the Web.

Send comments to dorl@drl.state.wi.us

Wisconsin Statutes and Code

Copies of the "Statutes and Administrative Code Relating to the Regulation of Interior Designers" can be ordered from the Department.

Include your name, address, county and a check payable to the Department of Regulation and Licensing in the amount of \$5.28. The latest edition is dated November 1997. New registrants receive a copy free of charge.

Change of Name or Address?

Please photocopy the mailing label of this digest, make changes in name or address, and return it to the Department. Confirmation of changes is not automatically provided.